

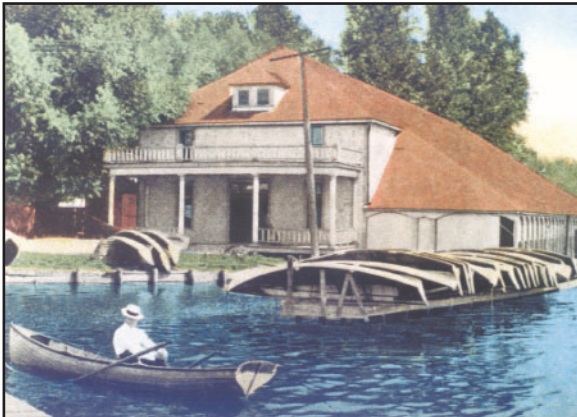
Congressional Review

2003 REPORT TO THE THIRD DISTRICT

CONSTITUENT NEWSLETTER

Congressman Mark Souder Opens Offices in Goshen and Winona Lake

After redistricting added all of Kosciusko County and most of Elkhart County to the district that he represents, Congressman Souder opened new offices to serve the nearly 200,000 people in these two counties. The main office is still in Fort Wayne, the population center of the district.



▲ The Kosciusko office is above the Boathouse Restaurant located in the historic area around scenic Winona Lake. The original boathouse is pictured above.



▲ Congressman Souder's Goshen office is across the street from the Elkhart County Courthouse.

More information on the new offices can be found inside on page 8.

▼ President George W. Bush meets with drug policy chairman Mark Souder at a White House anti-narcotics meeting.

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Souder Meets Housing Leaders in Goshen



▲ *Congressman Souder speaks about housing issues at a meeting in Goshen. From left to right are: Mayor Allen Kauffman, Curt Wiley, State Director for Fannie Mae, Congressman Souder, Larry Gautsche, and Anne Minnix.*

Housing lenders, advocates, sellers, builders, and others were part of a regional housing meeting in Goshen coordinated by Fannie Mae.

Elkhart County is the center of the manufactured housing industry. Regular industry meetings will be held with Congressman Souder.



▲ *Congressman Souder fields questions from government class students at Snider High School in Fort Wayne.*

Souder Listens to Students

Congressman Souder regularly visits schools throughout the district. During a visit with students at Snider High School, Mark asked how many of the students planned to stay in Fort Wayne. Most said that they would not. But when asked: "If you could find a job you like in Fort Wayne, would you stay?"—nearly 2/3 said that they would prefer to stay. We need to work to give as many as possible the opportunity to do so.

Keeping Hoosier Dollars in NE Ind.

H.R. 2, the Jobs and Growth Tax Act of 2003, was enacted into law, with Congressman Souder's support, in May 2003. This bill included:

- an acceleration of the marriage penalty relief (setting the 15% bracket and standard deduction at twice the level of single filers) for 2003 and 2004;
- an acceleration of individual income tax rate reductions scheduled for 2004 and 2006 resulting in the lower rates for 2003 of 25%, 28%, 33% and 35%;
- an acceleration of the increase in the child tax credit to \$1,000 for 2003 and 2004;
- an acceleration of the 10% income tax bracket expansion for 2003 and 2004, so as to cover the first \$7,000 of income for single filers and \$14,000 for joint filers;
- a reduction of the personal capital gains tax rate to 15% and, for those in the two lowest tax brackets, 5% (from 20% and 10%) through 2007, and to 15% and 0% for 2008.

A Hoosier family with two young children, earning an average income, saw its taxes reduced by \$1,933 as a result of President George W. Bush's tax cuts of 2001 and 2003, which were supported by Congressman Souder.

Souder Fights for Trailer Manufacturers

Nearly 70% of America's \$700 million small trailer industry is found in northeast Indiana. An unnecessary National Highway Safety Administration rule was proposed that would seriously damage this business sector, possibly putting smaller companies out of business. Letters to Congressman Souder resulted in a meeting in Middlebury and efforts to stop this damaging ruling.



▲ Congressman Souder meets with trailer manufacturers at Pace American in Middlebury to discuss the proposed NHTSA rule.



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September 15, 2003

U.S. Congressman Mark Souder
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"With your leadership and intercession in recent weeks, and in working collaboratively with the EPA, we have been successful in achieving an acceptable MACT standard that will ensure the long-term competitiveness of the U.S. magnet wire industry in the global marketplace."
(R.J. Habegger, Phelps Dodge President)

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management has been working to... technical team in the past 45 days to draft language that is consistent with the EPA final ruling... are on track to complete a draft of the Title V permit for our Fort Wayne Indiana magnet wire plant... and we anticipate a satisfactory draft document within a week and an acceptable final document by the end of the month.

In both these efforts the cooperative spirit that you have generated was instrumental in achieving the successes. This was an outstanding effort by all parties involved and a testimony to the positive results that can be achieved when private enterprise, public companies, and legislative staff cooperate towards a common goal good for business, the communities, and most importantly, the people.

Sincerely Yours,

Helping Save Magnet Wire Jobs

Fort Wayne produces approximately 80% of the magnet wire in the United States. The Environmental Protection Agency proposed rules concerning

emissions testing that were too costly, of minimal environmental benefit, and in some cases nearly impossible to implement. If the EPA had issued their initial proposals, the magnet wire industry may have been forced to move its operations to Mexico or China.

After working with Congressman Souder, Mayor Richard, and Governor O'Bannon, the EPA modified its regulations so that the jobs remain in Fort Wayne.



▲ Congressman Souder and Mayor Larry Thompson of Nappanee discuss recent job growth opportunities and challenges in Nappanee.



▲ Diversapack hosts Congressman Souder for a visit to its Orland facility. Diversapack packages products for companies such as Wal-Mart.



▲ Congressman Souder receives the award from Deb Armstrong, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers, in Kendallville, for his work in Congress.



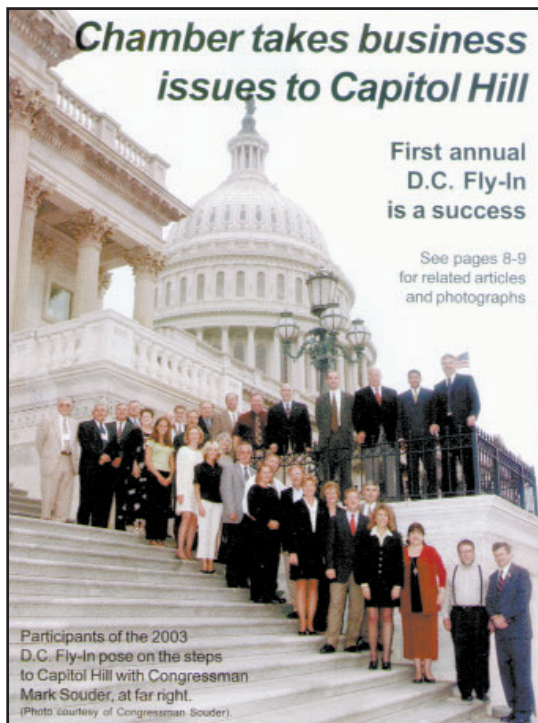
▲ Mark Wickersham, District Director (right), and Derek Pillie, Economic Development Liaison, work together to coordinate meetings with leaders of industry in the district.

Souder Receives National Manufacturers Award

In April 2003, Congressman Souder received the National Association of Manufacturers Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence. Deb Armstrong, President and CEO of A-1 Production, presented the award at the Kendallville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Federal Loans and Grants

We have compiled a number of resources to assist people in the process of locating and applying for federal assistance programs. If you would like further information or have any questions about these services, please visit our website at <http://www.house.gov/souder> or contact our Fort Wayne office toll-free at 1-800-959-3041 or (260) 424-3041.



▲ Mark meets in Washington with local leaders from the Chamber of Commerce.

An Economic Profile of Northern Indiana

- Warsaw is the world capital of the orthopedics industry.
- The Edy's Ice Cream plant in Fort Wayne is the largest ice cream plant in the United States.
- 80% of magnet wire is produced in Fort Wayne
- Northeast Indiana is the number one producer of processed ducks in the world. Maple Leaf Farms of Milford processes nearly 15 million. Culver Duck of Middlebury is tied for second with producers in Canada and the United Kingdom.
- Elkhart County is the leading producer of small trailers.
- Fort Wayne is at the center of "shock and awe" defense electronics, including classified work at ITT, Raytheon, USSI, General Dynamics, Bowmar, Northrup-Grumman, and other key contractors.



◀ The Zimmer headquarters in Warsaw is home to the world's largest orthopedic company. (Picture provided by Al Disbro.)

Orthopedics Industry Centered in Warsaw Area

The world's largest orthopedic companies, Zimmer, DePuy, Biomet, and Medtronic, are based in Warsaw. These companies directly provide high-paying jobs to thousands of employees, as well as employment for thousands of others who supply products and services to the industry, in all surrounding counties. It is the premier "cluster industry" in Indiana.



◀ America's recreational vehicle industry is centered in Elkhart County. Monaco Coach is one of the largest manufacturers of motorhomes and employs 2,550 people. Congressman Souder, staff and management discuss RV issues at Monaco Coach Corporation headquarters in Wakarusa.

Returning Tax Dollars to Indiana

During his time in the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Souder has consistently fought to bring more money back to northeast Indiana through federal appropriations. Last year he was successful in securing more than \$7 million dollars in federal funding for infrastructure projects in northeast Indiana, some of which were:

- \$3.5 million for the new air traffic control tower at Fort Wayne International Airport, in addition to an earlier \$8 million appropriation set aside for the tower;
- \$600,000 for Fort Wayne Citilink to make major improvements in the Superior Street terminal;
- \$750,000 for a combined neighborhood transit station and Head Start Development Center in the Hanna Creighton area;
- \$283,500 for the Center for Technology and On-Line Resources at Tri-State University in Angola;
- \$500,000 for the Northeast Indiana Innovation Center's Biomedical Research Center; and
- \$100,000 for the Camp Scott wetlands treatment project.



▲ Congressman Souder meets with families of troops in the 293rd in Fort Wayne (shown above) and in Warsaw to discuss their concerns.



▲ Congressman Souder's office hosts high school and junior high school students and their parents and teachers at the Air National Guard for an informative Academy Day. Students have the opportunity to meet representatives from the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Those students interested in applying to these U.S. academies can contact the Fort Wayne office for more information.



Key Veterans Bills Sponsored by Congressman Souder

Mark is working for passage of the following legislative proposals:

- **H.R. 627, the Veterans Prescription Drug and Surviving Spouses Assistance Act**, would not allow an increase in the required co-payment for medication furnished to veterans.
- **H.R. 58, the Keep Our Promise to America's Military Retirees Act**, would offer all military retirees the option of participating in the civilian Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.
- **H.R. 1779, the Guardsmen and Reservists Financial Relief Act of 2003**, would allow guardsmen or reservists who are activated for more than 179 days to make penalty-free early withdrawals from their IRA or pension fund.
- **H.R. 548, the Military Survivor Benefits Improvement Act of 2003**, would increase the Survivor Benefit plan annuity for surviving spouses.
- **H.R. 3289, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act**, which Congressman Souder voted for (and which is now law), allows inactive guardsmen and other reservists and their family members to become eligible for TRICARE health care coverage if they are receiving unemployment compensation or not eligible for any other health coverage.

Veterans' Issues Contact, Indiana Scheduling

Gina Zimmerman (pictured at left) handles Congressman Souder's Indiana schedule as well as veterans' issues. Gina can be reached in the Fort Wayne office at (260) 424-3041.

The 293rd Division: Heroes Return Home



◀ The 293rd division of the Indiana Guard returned home in October after serving nearly one year in Iraq and Kuwait. Their sacrifices—and that of their families and employees—have disrupted and dismantled terrorist networks. We honor and thank them for sacrificing for us.

▶ Congressman Souder is presented with the Charles Dick Medal of Merit award by the Indiana National Guard commander, Major General George Buskirk, at the Fort Wayne Air National Guard base for his “exceptionally strong” congressional support of the Guard.



▲ Iraqi exiles living in Fort Wayne calling for the removal of Saddam.

War in Iraq: Protecting America from Terrorism

Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein had used chemical and biological warfare before. The U.S. discovered expanded efforts to develop even greater capabilities. Saddam was not only a threat to the Iraqi people, but to the United States as well.

Terrorists have lost their bases in and funding from Iraq.

▶ Fort Wayne City Councilman Don Schmidt moderates a town meeting with Congressman Souder at IPFW to discuss Iraq.





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► Allison McSherry, Constituent Liaison, of Kosciusko County and Joe Guerrero, Field Representative, of Elkhart County focus on those two counties. Here they are meeting inside Congressman Souder's Goshen office. The Goshen office hours are Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For other appointments, please call 1-800-959-3041.



Mobile Office hours for Elkhart and Kosciusko can be found on page 20.



▲ The Winona Lake office is located on the second floor of this building.

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1-800-959-3041

Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday. Other times are available by appointment.



▲ Mary Honegger, Seth Becker, and Allison McSherry outside the Winona Lake office.



▲ Congressman Souder and Allison McSherry welcome guests at the official opening of the Winona Lake office.



Congressman Souder's Indiana Staff:

Back row (left to right): Steve Howell, Director of Constituent Services and Agricultural Liaison; Mary Honegger, Deputy Chief of Staff; Mark Wickersham, District Director; Gina Zimmerman, District Scheduler and Special Assistant; and Derek Pillie, Economic Development Liaison. Front row (left to right): Diane Tulley, Staff Assistant; Tommy Shupe, Constituent Liaison; and Allison McSherry, Constituent Liaison. Joe Guerrero, Field Representative, is pictured on page 8.



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▲ *Congressman Souder's main operations are still based in the E. Ross Adair Federal Building in downtown Fort Wayne.*

Health Care Costs Pressure Every Family and Business



▲ A drawing of the future Parkview Noble Hospital.



▲ Congressman Souder feels it is important to visit hospitals like Kosciusko Community Hospital (pictured above) to discuss health care costs.

For more information on health care, please visit: <http://www.house.gov/souder>

Businesses cannot afford both to provide health care and stay competitive. Hospitals struggle because of low government payments and increased costs. Americans want to maintain the best health care system in the world, make it available to everyone, and enjoy lower costs. This is not possible.

Congressman Souder has supported numerous initiatives to help move our health care system forward. However, continuing the amazing medical advances will cost more money. It is the people's choice, but public officials who promise better health care for less money are not telling the truth. There are no easy answers.

Medicare

Under the Medicare plan supported by Congressman Souder and passed by the House of Representatives, no senior would have to choose between life-saving medication and food or shelter. All seniors would get lower prices through government-negotiated discounts.

All seniors would have costs capped so that they would not be financially bankrupted over essential care. And Medicare reform would hopefully help the survival of Medicare, which is under financial pressure. Thankfully, partisanship has given way to helping seniors receive better prescription drug coverage.



◀ Congressman Souder addresses an AARP meeting at the Greencroft Retirement Community in Goshen on the topic of Medicare.

Education: The Key to the Future of Indiana



What will be our next “cluster” industry? It is essential that we develop and fund innovative new technology or northeast Indiana will decline. The Northeast Indiana Innovation Center will help.

◀ Congressman Souder presents a federal check for \$500,000 to the Northeast Indiana Innovation Center.

Congressman Souder has worked to set aside additional appropriations dollars for Tri-State, St. Francis, IIT, Ivy Tech and IPFW. We need to retain these students in northeast Indiana.

► Tri-State received \$283,000 in fiscal year 2003 appropriations.



Congressman Souder regularly visits area high schools, affording students direct interaction with their congressman while stressing the importance of education to our future.

◀ Goshen High School principal Jim Kirkton presents Congressman Souder with a Goshen High School shirt after Mark addressed a student assembly on government.



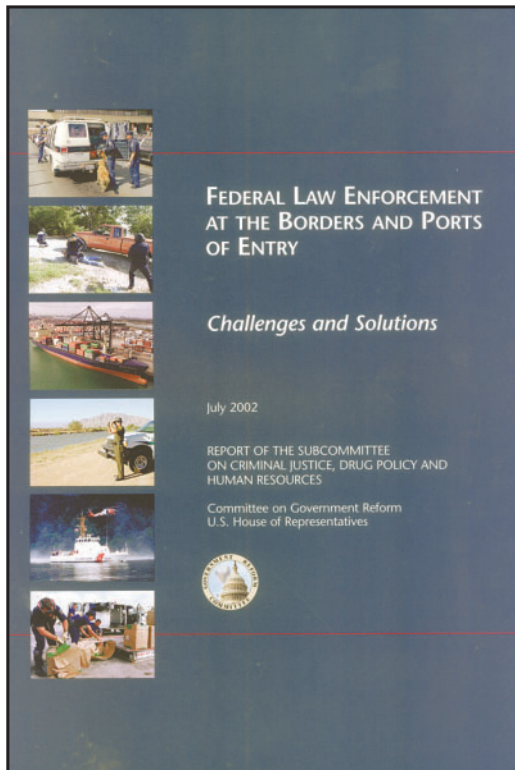
▲ Congressman Souder and Susan Rook, a former CNN anchor, talk to a Lakeland High School class in LaGrange County about illegal narcotics and alcohol.

Homeland Security

How Safe Are Our Borders?

Congressman Souder and his subcommittee published the report featured at left on the security of our borders. This project was two years in the making, following the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington. The border report was written by subcommittee staff member Nick Coleman and former subcommittee staff director Chris Donesa.

For a copy of this report, please call our Washington office at (202) 225-4436.



► In the picture at right, a Border Patrol officer counts how many illegal aliens have crossed into the United States by periodically counting the footprints of people who cross the border beyond the fence. The Border Patrol uses old tires to erase the footprints and start a new count.



◀ Congressman Souder's homeland security team in Washington (left to right): Benjamin Wilson, Brookings Fellow; John Stanton, Homeland Security Department Fellow; and Andrew Coats, Legislative Assistant for Homeland Security.



Some communities have difficulty in coordinating information and security systems.

► Congressman Souder visits the state-of-the-art-center in Warsaw, an example of how city and county can work together to make their citizens as safe as possible.



Terrorism from Abroad

The war on terrorism is not new. In 1999 Congressman Souder traveled with Congressman Dennis Hastert (the present Speaker of the House) to the Middle East. They visited the Khobar Towers, a military housing complex in Saudi Arabia that had been bombed by terrorists in 1996. They met with UN inspectors working in Iraq and were told at that time that Iraq had chemical and biological capabilities. They visited military bases in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey. The war on terrorism was very evident to them two years before the September 11 attacks, which caused many Americans to pay closer attention to this threat.

▼ Congressman Souder attends a briefing given by President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan. It has been found that illegal drug activity, heroin and hashish money, has funded the Taliban and Al Qaeda.



◀ Congressman Souder visits Kuwait to meet with United Nations weapons inspectors working in Iraq.



Fighting Terrorism in Colombia

From a July 20, 2003, *Evening Star* article by Dave Kurtz
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Congressman Mark Souder hoped to be in Hamilton on July 5.

Instead, he found himself thousands of miles away in Colombia. The last time Souder stopped there, the bombs bursting in air were aimed at him by drug traffickers.

He travels to Colombia, he said, because “The Speaker (Dennis Hastert) wants me there.” Sending the Speaker of the House himself to Colombia would be far too dangerous. Drug criminals have tried to kill Colombia’s president six times—once when Souder was with him. They’ve assassinated so many mayors that for a while, nobody would take the office in most Colombian towns.

Before the narcotics gangsters took over, Colombia was our eighth-leading supplier of oil. With stability, it could start developing major oil fields. More importantly, Souder said, narcotics money is paying for terrorism around the world. We haven’t linked Colombian drug lords to Al Qaeda, but they are connected to Palestinian terrorists.

Sometimes fighting drugs must seem hopeless—but Souder sees encouraging signs. The past three years have shown a gradual decline in drug use by Americans, he said.

A day after returning from Colombia, Souder reported to his colleagues in the House. In the war on drugs, he told them, “You make step-by-step progress; you do not make huge progress.”

Souder Chairs Speaker's Drug Task Force



At left, Chairman Souder, Secretary of State Colin Powell, and Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert address the national press corps after a Speaker's Drug Task Force meeting.

Souder usually chairs the meetings in the Speaker's chambers.



▲ The conflict in Colombia is because of American and European drug use.



▲ Minutes after the picture above was taken, the Colombian Navy "Go Fast" boat intercepted a half-ton load of cocaine destined for the United States. If we do not stop such shipments in Colombia, the cost and difficulty of halting it later becomes astronomically higher.

► Colombia is the primary supplier of cocaine and heroin to the United States. Until it is stopped, not only will Americans continue to die by the thousands, but displaced Colombian children, such as those to the right with Congressman Souder, in the Nelson Mandela Village, will not be able to return home. Here, Souder discusses the problem of displacement with the village.



Congressman Souder Chairs Drug Policy Subcommittee



▲ Congressman Souder's subcommittee staff in Washington (left to right): Ezio Borchini, Department of Health and Human Services Fellow; Alena Guagenti, Legislative Assistant; John Stanton, Department of Homeland Security Fellow; Nicole Garrett, Clerk; Marc Wheat, Staff Director; Nick Coleman, Counsel; Elizabeth Meyer, Counsel; and Roland Foster, Professional Staff Member.

The Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Services has oversight jurisdiction over numerous agencies. However, its primary assignment is to coordinate drug policy in all areas. For a complete listing of all hearings, legislation, and committee reports, please visit: <http://www.house.gov/souder>

► DEA Administrator Karen Tandy meets with Congressman Souder to discuss drug strategy. Chris Donesa from Fort Wayne and formerly Souder's chief of staff was recently appointed by the White House to be her top assistant.



Souder Meets with Pontifical Family Council at the Vatican



Drug policy is more than just enforcement. It starts with strong families. At left, subcommittee staff director Marc Wheat and Congressman Souder visit with Cardinal Alfonso Lopez Trujillo, who has held the position of President of the Pontifical Council for the Family since 1990. He has labored tirelessly for the family and what John Paul II has called the "culture of life."

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Veneman Visits Grabill



U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman held a town meeting in Grabill, hometown of Congressman Mark Souder. People from every northeast Indiana county attended the event (pictured at left).

One of Mark's longtime personal goals was to have a cabinet member visit Grabill for the first time in its history. Too often small towns are overlooked.

House Ag Chairman Tours Northern Indiana

Agriculture is now large and small farmers, and much more. During a recent visit by House Agriculture Chairman Bob Goodlatte, Souder and Chairman Goodlatte met with duck and chicken processors, as well as seed corn, soybean, and tomato producers; toured Edy's ice cream plant; visited a Whitley County tree farm; held a "tool shed" meeting in Whitley County with area farmers; and discussed topics of concern with Congressman Souder's agriculture advisory committee.



▲ Ag Chairman Goodlatte with Bruce Shanks and Kyle Tom.



▲ Ag Chairman Goodlatte and Congressman Souder listen to area farmers at a "tool shed" meeting in Whitley County.

Souder Works to Keep Jobs in Northeast Indiana

Inequities in China's currency and the U.S. dollar, and government policies have compounded trade problems between these two countries. Congressman Souder supports legislation that would level the playing field. He also insists that the Administration enforce the law.

He is a cosponsor of the CHINA Act of 2003, which would require the Treasury Department to analyze whether China is manipulating its currency to achieve an unfair trade advantage, and, if manipulation is found, levy proportionate tariffs against China.

Protecting the Interests of the District



At the CASAD depot in New Haven (pictured above), there is a large stockpile of mercury. There is a proposal to consolidate all excess mercury somewhere in the United States. New Haven is among the possibilities for this storage location. Congressman Souder has said: "Enough is enough!" New Haven citizens expressed their concern at a town meeting and Congressman Souder is working to prevent the storage of more mercury here.



Help with Federal Agencies

Congressman Souder and his staff work to help constituents cut through the federal government's "red tape" in virtually every federal area, including Social Security, Medicare, immigration, veterans' issues, and the military.

It is important that you first contact the agency with which you are experiencing difficulties. If you still experience problems, you may want to seek assistance from Congressman Souder's office. While the congressman is not able to mandate that agencies take specific actions, he tries to make sure that Hoosiers receive fair consideration and a full explanation of their cases.

◀ *The Indiana caseworking team (left to right): Tommy Shupe, Allison McSherry, Steve Howell, and Gina Zimmerman.*



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▲ *Mark Wickersham, District Director, oversees the Indiana offices and operations. Mary Honegger, Deputy Chief of Staff, works as liaison on legislative issues with Washington.*

Tourism in Northeast Indiana



▲ Congressman Souder meets with Dick Pletcher at Amish Acres, one of the Midwest's most popular attractions, to discuss tourism.

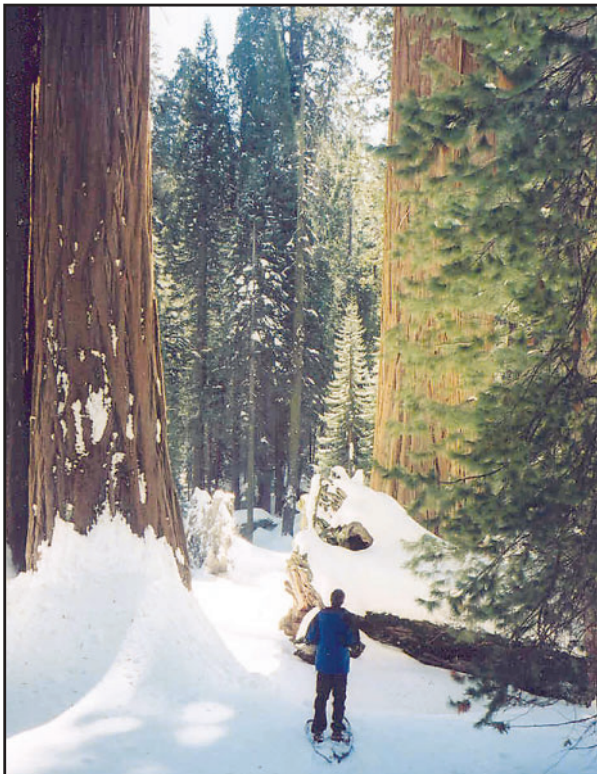
Northern Indiana is clearly the land of lakes. We need to enjoy and protect these wonderful resources. With increasing awareness of our natural attractions, we have become a growing tourist destination. We need to understand that tourism is one of our economic resources and one of our fastest growing job categories. As part of the Tourism Caucus, Congressman Souder is working to promote this strength.

Congressmen Souder and Baird Work for National Parks

► Congressman Souder and Brian Baird, a Democrat from Vancouver, Washington, meet to announce the formation of a Member's caucus to promote additional congressional support for our national parks. The caucus will work with the National Park Service, the National Parks Conservation Association, and other groups, to promote events, legislation and speakers.



▼ Trying to preserve the fabulous giant trees of Sequoia National Park illustrates the ongoing problems of visitation and conservation.



▼ The Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center in western Noble County was established by Mary Rieth, wife of Lee, the founder of Rieth-Riley Construction, and is operated in conjunction with Goshen College as a learning center for Indiana environmental studies. Below, Bob McCormick of Rieth-Riley and Luke Gashco of Merry Lea review plans and layout design for the Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center.



Tourism in Northeast Indiana

Largest WWII Museum in the World in Auburn



▲ Congressman Souder leads a Veterans' Day Ceremony at Normandy's Omaha Beach Cemetery.



▲ Gravesites at the Normandy Cemetery in France are a poignant reminder of the thousands who died.

◀ This book documents the collection of the Victory Memorial Museum as it was in Belgium.

The Museum at the pivotal Battle of The Bulge in Belgium closed. From all over the world, people sought to buy the contents of this museum. The Kruse Foundation of Auburn purchased many artifacts and, with the help of Congressman Souder's office, was able to obtain permission to bring this collection of WWII items into the country and transport them to northeast Indiana. This collection, which includes cars used by Eisenhower, Patton, and Rommel, military uniforms, guns, training films, and hundreds of unique vehicles, is unsurpassed in the world. This year, funds have been appropriated to help archive and display what is America's premier collection of WWII artifacts and what will be a major tourist attraction in northeast Indiana.



▲ National Parks Service director James Ridenour tours the WWII museum with Craig Adolph of the Kruse Foundation.



▲ Artifacts from General Patton and General McAuliffe at the Battle of the Bulge are included in this collection.

Congressman Souder's Staff Mobile Office Schedule

1st Tuesday of the Month				
9:00-9:45 a.m. Ligonier City Hall Mayor's Office	10:15-11:00 a.m. Shipshewana Wolf Community Center	11:30-12:30 p.m. LaGrange County Annex Building	2:00-2:45 p.m. Rome City Town Hall	3:15-4:00 p.m. Avilla Town Hall
2nd Tuesday of the Month				
9:00-9:45 a.m. New Haven City Administration Building	10:30-11:15 a.m. Grabill Town Hall	11:30-12:15 p.m. Leo-Cedarville Worman-Lightfoot Insurance	2:30-3:30 p.m. Auburn Eckhart Public Library	4:00-4:45 p.m. Fort Wayne Dupont Branch Library
3rd Tuesday of the Month				
9:00-10:00 a.m. Churubusco Town Hall	10:30-11:30 a.m. Garrett Garrett Public Library	Noon-1:00 p.m. Angola Steuben Public Library	2:15-3:00 p.m. Hamilton Town Hall	3:30-4:15 p.m. Butler Butler Public Library
4th Tuesday of the Month				
9:00-10:00 a.m. Kendallville Kendallville Public Library	10:30-11:30 a.m. Albion Town Hall Meeting Room	1:00-2:00 p.m. Columbia City Peabody Library	2:30-3:30 p.m. South Whitley Town Hall	
1st Wednesday of the Month				
9:00-9:45 a.m. Silver Lake Town Hall	10:00-10:45 a.m. Claypool Fire Station	11:15-12:15 p.m. Warsaw Kosciusko Community Foundation Meeting Room	1:30-2:15 p.m. Etna Green Fire Station/Clerk-Treasurer Building	3:15-4:00 p.m. Mentone Town Hall Community Room
2nd Wednesday of the Month				
10:00-10:45 a.m. Wakarusa Town Hall Chamber Office	11:15-12:15 a.m. Nappanee City Hall	1:00-1:45 p.m. New Paris Solid Ground Coffee Shop	2:30-3:15 p.m. Millersburg Town Hall	3:30-4:15 p.m. Goshen Congressman Souder's Office 1st Source Bldg
3rd Wednesday of the Month				
9:00-9:45 a.m. Pierceton Community Room	10:15-11:00 a.m. North Webster Trustee's Office	11:30-12:30 p.m. Syracuse Town Hall	2:00-2:45 p.m. Milford Milford Public Library	3:15-4:15 p.m. Winona Lake Congressman Souder's Office The Boathouse
4th Wednesday of the Month				
9:00-9:45 a.m. Simonton Lake Elkhart County Visitor's Bureau	10:30-11:30 a.m. Bristol Town Hall	Noon-1:00 p.m. Middlebury Town Hall	2:00-3:00 p.m. Goshen Congressman Souder's Office 1st Source Bldg	

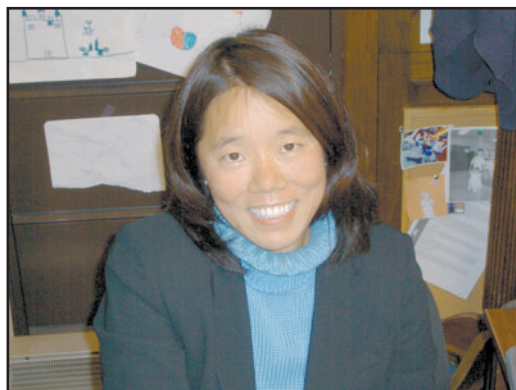


Congressman Souder's Washington Staff:

Back row (left to right): Mark Pfundstein, Deputy Legislative Director; Martin Green, Press Secretary; Benjamin Wilson, Brookings Fellow; Andrew Coats, Legislative Assistant; and Andrew Fennig, Legislative Correspondent. Front row (left to right): Dawn Gerson, Washington Scheduler; Renee Howell, Chief of Staff; and Erika Heikkila, Legislative Director. Not pictured: Karl Kailing, Director of Correspondence; Matthew Weigelt, Staff Assistant.



Matthew Weigelt recently joined Congressman Souder's Washington office. The Goshen native formerly worked at *The Goshen News*.



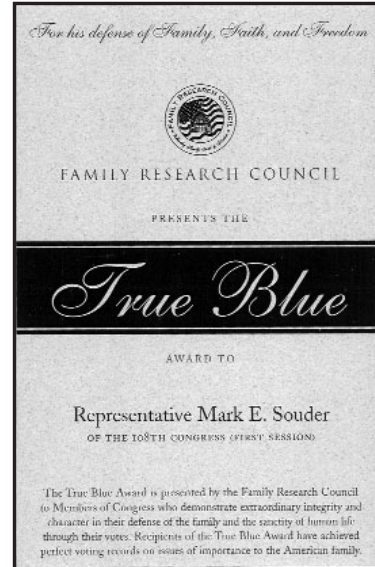
Dawn Gerson handles Congressman Souder's Washington Schedule. She can be reached at (202) 225-4436.

Each Day a New Battle Dawns...

Fighting to maintain the traditional moral values upon which this nation is founded is a constant battle in Washington. For daily weekday updates at 8:58 a.m. and 4:58 p.m., listen to "Congressional Update," featuring Congressman Souder and Mary Honegger, on WFCV radio, 1090 AM.

"True Blue" Award Given to Souder

The Family Research Council's 2003 "True Blue" award (pictured at right) was again given to Congressman Mark Souder for his unwavering commitment to supporting pro-family legislation. He has received the award every year since its inception.



Souder Sponsors Federal Marriage Amendment

H.J.Res. 56, the Federal Marriage Amendment, would declare that marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman.



◀ Congressman Souder visits Christ Temple Community Development Corporation to announce a grant from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department.

Congressman Souder Sponsors Ten Commandments Defense Act

Congressman Souder was part of a small group of lawmakers who met with Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore in Republican Leader Tom DeLay's office. Mark is committed to doing all that is legislatively possible to reverse the rulings prohibiting posting the Commandments.

► Congressman Souder congratulates Herbert and Jane Hunt, the 2002 recipients of the Angels in Adoption award. This family was nominated by Congressman Mark Souder.



Faith-Based Project

Congressman Souder has organized a two-year project to highlight faith-based efforts in America with hearings and a comprehensive report to be released in late 2004. Hearings have been held in Chicago, Nashville, San Antonio and Washington, D.C. Additional hearings are planned for Los Angeles, Seattle, and Philadelphia.



▲ Congressman Souder meets with Pastor Freddie Garcia and his wife, Ninfa, to hear about their anti-drug program at a faith-based hearing in San Antonio, Texas. The Garcias' program, Victory Fellowship, is one of the most effective drug addiction recovery programs in the nation.



▲ Tim Sauder of Gateway Woods in Grabbill and Mark Terrell of Lifeline Youth and Family Services in Fort Wayne testify at a congressional hearing in Chicago on the role of faith in their efforts to help children in need of services.



▲ Liz Meyer (right) is coordinating the faith-based efforts with the assistance of Alena Guagenti. Liz is a graduate of Valparaiso University and Alena, who worked in Congressman Souder's Fort Wayne office, graduated from the University of Notre Dame.

Congressional Record

Congressman Souder Speaks on the Eve of the House Passage of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban

"...After all of those years, we have not made a lot of progress, but this is an important step. Because, if we pass this bill and then the Senate passes it, and then we have this President sign it into law, we are actually going to save some babies' lives. We are actually going to pass legislation so people can say: I am alive because of how people voted, how people spoke out. When people say that there is no difference, that I cannot make a difference in this system, that my involvement does not do any good, I say to them: When this bill passes, those of us who have worked in the trenches, those of us who have been speaking out for years, those of us who have gotten involved, in fact, your vote makes a difference, your actions make a difference. And there are going to be babies growing up to be young adults and adults who will create families who would have been dead if you had not been involved."





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▲ *Congressman Souder and Mary Honegger at WFCV studio in Fort Wayne.*

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